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28 MAY 1958

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The Honorable James P. Mitchell  
The Secretary of Labor  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

During your briefing on the Soviet labor force at the Agency, on 21 May, you expressed an interest in the role of trade unions in the Soviet economy. The attached article, "On Work of Trade Unions of U.S.S.R.," originally appeared in the Soviet press on 19 December 1957 and is an official statement of the role of the trade unions, not as representatives of the workers, but as allies of management in striving for the overfulfilling of economic plans.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen J. Dulles  
Director

Enclosure:

Article entitled "On Work  
of Trade Unions of U.S.S.R."

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P. S. By referring to Soviet "Trade Unions," I don't mean to imply that I agree that they have any in our sense of the word. /s/AND